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1. SUMMARY: IN HARD-HITTING COLD WAR TYPE RHETORIC, CHIEF OF STATE AUGUSTO PINOCHET NOV 14 ADDRESSED THE NATION ON RECENT UN ACTION AGAINST CHILE. PINOCHET BITTERLY ATTACKED THE INTERNATIONAL MARXIST CAMPAIGN, WHICH AS HE SAW IT LED TO RECENT UNGA VOTE, AND WARNED DEMOCRATIC NATIONS AGAINST SOVIET GUISE OF PROTECTOR OF PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS. HE DEPLORED APPARENT WEAKENING AND DECEPTION OF WESTERN DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND URGED CHILEANS TO STAND UNITED AGAINST THE COMMUNIST AGGRESSION. PINOCHET PAINTED PICTURE OF CHILE WITH BACK AGAINST THE WALL, BUT UNBENDING AND SURE OF ITS MORALLY RIGHT COURSE. THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT GOC WOULD MODERATE ITS WAYS TO ACCOMODATE INTERNATIONAL OPINION. END SUMMARY.

2. PINOCHET BEGAN BY SAYING HE, AS CHIEF OF STATE, COULD NO LONGER REMAIN INDIFFERENT TO THE "PERVERSE AND BRUTAL CAMPAIGN OF PERSECUTION THAT THE SOVIET COMMUNISTS HAVE UNLEASHED AGAINST OUR COUNTRY", WHICH IS DESIGNED TO CREATE A

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CLIMATE PERMITTING THE "ANNIHILATION" OF CHILE.

3. THIS INFAMOUS SOVIET CAMPAIGN, BEGUN ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1973, HAS NOT CAUSED CHILEANS MUCH CONCERN, AS THE SOVIET MENTALITY IS KNOWN. WE NOW SEE, HOWEVER, WITH "SURPRISE AND BITTER DISENCHANTMENT", THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE "BECOME THE VOGUE" IN ONE OF THE MOST RESPECTED INSTITUTIONS OF THE FREE WORLD AND-HAVE" INFILTRATED IT TO UNFORESEEABLE EXTREMES".

4. IN DENOUNCING THOSE THAT CONCEAL AND DISTORT THE REALITY IN CHILE, HE SAID THAT CHILE, FROM ITS BIRTH UNTIL TODAY, HAS HAD RESPECT FOR LIBERTY AND HUMAN RIGHTS. THE "MOVEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1973" WAS BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE DESTRUCTION OF THESE TRADITIONS.

5. PINOCHET REJECTED THE RIGHT OF THOSE COUNTRIES, WHICH "EVEN UNTIL RECENTLY", WERE IDENTIFIED WITH "TOTALITARIANISM, POLITICAL COLONIALISM, ECONOMIC IMPERIALISM OR MODERN FORMS OF SLAVERY", TO CRITICIZE CHILE. THE UN RESOLUTIONS BECOME "EVEN MORE INCONCEIVABLE IF ONE CONSIDERS THAT THEY WERE INVOKING "FREEDOM FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS".

6. RECALLING HIS SEPT 11, 74 SPEECH, PINOCHET DREW ATTENTION TO HIS STATEMENTS ON CONDITIONS IN THE USSR AND CUBA, AND HIS PLEDGE TO ALLOW DETAINEES HERE TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AND HIS CHALLENGE TO THOSE STATES TO RELEASE AT LEAST AN EQUAL NUMBER. HE REFERRED TO THE MILLIONS WHO HAD DIED UNDER STALIN AND TO THE WORDS OF FIDEL CASTRO; "WE HAVE TO IMPOSE THE PENALTY DEATH ON THOSE WHO OPPOSE THE REVOLUTION". THEN PINOCHET STATED THAT "NEVERTHELESS, TODAY THE SAME PEOPLE WHO REPUDIATED THEM FOR THEIR CRIMES, OPEN THEIR ARMS TO RECEIVE THEM IN GLORY AND MAJESTY. INTERNATIONAL POLICY HAS ARRIVED AT THESE EXTREMES."

7. IN ATTACKING THE UN VOTE, PINOCHET STATED THAT CHILE'S CHALLENGE TO THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA HAD BEEN IGNORED AND THAT, INSTEAD OF CALLING UPON THESE STATES TO SHOW SOME SIGN OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, "DOZENS OF COUNTRIES BOWED BEFORE THE AUDACITY OF RED TOTALITARIANISM AND, IN THE BOSOM OF THE UN, IGNORED THE MOST ELEMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY, TO UNITE IN THIS PLOT AGAINST CHILE."

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8. PINOCHET SAID THAT WHAT HE WAS MOST CONCERNED WITH WAS NOT THE VOTES OF THOSE COUNTRIES IN THE SOVIET ORBIT, BUT "THE PASSIVITY AND SILENCE OF THOSE NATIONS WITH DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND ORIGINS" IN NOT ASSUMING A MORE JUST ATTITUDE. WHILE CHILE'S HONOR AND DIGNITY HAVE NOT SUFFERED, PINOCHET FELT "AN OBLIGATION TO DENOUNCE THIS PROFOUND CRISIS", WHICH IS AFFECTING WESTERN CIVILIZATION. "THE VOTE AGAINST CHILE DEMONSTRATES THE WEAKNESS OF TRADITIONAL DEMOCRATIC FORMS."

9. HE THEN COMPARED CHILE TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES STATEING THAT CHILE'S DOORS ARE OPEN FOR ALL THE WORLD TO SEE THAT CHILEANS ARE A FREE PEOPLE. HE POINTED OUT THAT MANY GROUPS CAME TO CHILE DURING THE PAST YEAR AND RHETORICALLY ASKED "HOW MANY COMMISSIONS OR AUTHORITIES SUCH AS CAME TO CHILE", WENT TO INSPECT CONDITIONS IN EAST BERLIN, HUNGARY OR CZECHOSLOVAKIA AFTER SOVIET TANKS SMASHED POPULAR UPRISINGS.

10. PINOCHET THEN SPOKE OF HIS CONCERN WITH THE "PEACEFUL APPEARANCE" OF THE USSR AS A NEW WAY FOR THE COMMUNISTS TO PENETRATE THE WEST. THE CHILEAN VICTORY OVER COMMUNISM IS A DIFFERENT ALTERNATIVE TO THE "SUICIDAL ATTITUDE OF SO MANY DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES WHICH THE SOVIETS COUNT ON AS AN ALLY".

11. HE WENT ON TO WARN THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE USSR AND CUBA IS TO DOMINATE CHILE. TO MEET THESE DANGERS, EACH CHILEAN SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT WE WILL HAVE TO "REDOUBLE OUR SACRIFICES" AND WILL SURELY HAVE TO BEAR "GREATER PRIVATIONS THAN AT PRESENT".

12. PINOCHET ENDED BY CALLING ON ALL TO UNITE AS CHILEANS ARE AN INDOMITABLE PEOPLE. CHILE WILL TAKE DIPLOMATIC STEPS TO IMPEDE THIS AGGRESSION BUT "WE WILL NEVER CEDE A BIT (APICE) OF OUR SOVEREIGNTY" OR DEVIATE "FROM OUR ELECTED PATH". THE GOC DOES NOT STAND ALONE AGAINST THIS AGGRESSION BECAUSE "NO TRUE CHILEAN WILL PERMIT THE TRIUMPH, FOR WHICH WE SACRIFICED, TO BE SNATCHED FROM US".

13. COMMENT: PINOCHET'S SPEECH WAS STRAIGHT COLD WAR RHETORIC WITH NO HINT OF POSSIBLE CHILEAN SOFTENING OF HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES WHICH BROUGHT ON THE UN ACTION. SPEECH APPARENTLY INDICATES A HARDENING RESOLVE TO STAND "PROUD" COME WHAT MAY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UN ACTION MAY WELL HAVE HAD OPPOSITE EFFECT FROM WHAT MANY DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES HAD HOPED. INSTEAD OF PUSHING GOC INTO MORE POSITIVE ACTION, IT MAY HAVE BROUGHT OUT OBSTINATE MILITARY RESOLVE

TO PROTECT CHILE FROM ITS "ENEMIES". EXTENSIVE PRESS REPORTING USED "ENEMIES" FREQUENTLY TO DESCRIBE THOSE VOTING AGAINST CHILE IN UN. CONSERVATIVE "ULTIMAS NOTICIAS" CARRIED HEADLINE "UN: INSTRUMENT OF MARXISM".

14. ALTHOUGH PINOCHET MADE NO MENTION OF POSSIBLE "ECONOMIC BOYCOTT", HE HINTED AT PROBABLE HARDER TIMES BY STATING CHILEANS MAY HAVE TO SUFFER GREATER PRIVATION. POPPER

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